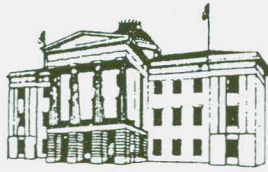


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

BLUE RIDGE BARBECUE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2012 marks the nineteenth annual celebration of the Blue Ridge Barbecue and Music Festival, sponsored by the Polk County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Barbecue and Music Festival, being ranked one of the top five most popular barbecue competitions in the United States by the Travel Channel, and having won the prestigious Spirit Of Barbecue, Best Event Award, will bring together competitors from across the nation to vie for winning titles in pork ribs, beef brisket, poultry, whole hog and pork shoulder categories; and

WHEREAS, this competition attracts more than 25,000 attendees from all over the country, from as far away as Arkansas, Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania, as a result of its broad media coverage, family fun appeal and respected reputation in the world of sanctioned competition barbecue; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Barbecue and Music Festival pays homage to our environment by adopting a Going Green Initiative with a goal toward reducing Festival waste by 75%; and

WHEREAS, this event shall be known as a North Carolina State Barbecue Championship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 8-9, 2012, in recognition of the **"BLUE RIDGE BARBECUE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL"** in North Carolina, and urge all citizens to commend its observance.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.